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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshihiro SATO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2859

Application No.: 10/579,495

Examiner: G. BENNETT

Filed: May 16, 2006

Docket No.: 128067

For: SHAPE-MEASURING DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 3, 2007 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-3 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Face (U.S. 5,535,143) in view of Shimazutsu. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Face and Shimatzutsu do not support the rejection for at least the reason that they fail to disclose or suggest "a plurality of rollers provided corresponding to the rows of segments," as recited in claim 1.

The Office Action correctly recognizes that Face does not disclose or suggest plural rollers and plural detecting means as recited in independent claim 1. However, the Office Action alleges that it would have been obvious to modify Face in view of Shimazutsu to meet the recitations of claim 1.